WHY DON'T THEY DO SO NOW?

When I was a little boy, the ladies all would say
I was a darling joker, but was always in the way :
Nice stories they would tell me, with some sugar in a rag,
And in my little mouth they would put the sugar-bag ;
Some peppermint they gave me, and some nice, good
clothes to wear ;
Then they'd dress me up so neatly, and t ey curled my
auburn hair ;
They would tote me round the room, and when I
kicked up a row,
They would kiss me, and they'd hug me.. why don't
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CHORUS.

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When evening came at last, my little frock was laid away,
They would put my little night-gown on, and lovingly
would say :
Now go to sleep, my little dear, we'll keep your toes-es warm ;
You've nothing more to fear, my love, we'll keep you
from all harm :
When Mother Goose's Melodies so sweetly I would hear,
While the ladies all would call me their darling little dear :
They would pat me on my little head, and talk to show me how :
They would press me to their bosoms then.. why don't
Chorus. they do so now ?

When I a little older grew, just big enough to walk,
I was the sweetest boy of all, so nicely I could talk.
Into a blacksmith's shop I went, to see the fire fly..
I was a little frightened : so, I began to cry ;
I saw a red-hot iron bar, a prize I thought to gain..
I picked it up right quickly, but soon laid it down again.
The maid then took me in her arms, I cannot show you how..
But she kissed me and she hugged me then.. why don't
Chorus. she do so now ?

The maid (she was a nice young girl) to the Park oft did go :
Of course, she took the babe along, to see the baby-show :
And as we walked around the grounds the different sights to see,
The ladies all would turn their heads to get a peep at me ;
They would kiss the dimples in my cheeks, and smooth
my auburn hair ;
They would ask the maid : what was my name, had I
a Pa or Ma ?
They would toss me way up in the air.. methinks I see
them now..
They would smother me with kisses then.. I wish
Chorus. they'd do so now !

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